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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<b>In Re Application of:</b>	Brian J. Brown, Michael L. Davis
<b>Application No.:</b>	09/599674
<b>Filed:</b>	June 22, 2000
<b>For:</b>	Improved Longitudinally Flexible Expandable Stent
<b>Examiner:</b>	Paul Prebilit
<b>Group Art Unit:</b>	3738

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**Docket No: S63.2N-5605-US03****PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR §1.136**

Petitioners, SciMed Life Systems, Inc., hereby request a three month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed February 25, 2004. Please charge the petition fee of \$950.00 as set forth in 37 CFR §1.17 and any outstanding fee for extension to our Deposit Account, No. 22-0350.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Date: August 24, 2004

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